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Crop Report for the period August 4 to 10th, 2009

One per cent of the 2009 crop has been combined, and seven per cent has been swathed or is ready to straight-combine, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

The five-year average (2004-2008) is four per cent combined and eight per cent swathed or ready to straight-combine at this time of year.

Harvest operations are most advanced in the southwestern and southeastern regions of the province. In the southwest, four per cent of the winter wheat and two per cent of the fall rye, field peas and lentils have been combined. In the southeast, three per cent of the winter wheat, four per cent of the fall rye and two per cent of the lentils have been combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions continue to improve. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 71 per cent adequate, 24 per cent short and four per cent very short, while hay and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 57 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and eight per cent very short.

Rain slowed haying operations in some areas.

Grasshoppers, pea aphids and dry conditions are causing the majority of crop damage. Lodging of crops occurred in some areas due to heavy rains and high winds.

Farmers are busy finishing haying, cutting greenfeed, hauling grain, scouting fields and getting ready for harvest. The past week brought fairly good growing conditions to most of the province, although rain is needed in some areas to help fill the crops.

One year ago

One per cent of the 2008 crop had been combined and three per cent had been swathed or was ready to straight combine. Flooding, lodging and hail caused crop damage as storms rolled through much of the province.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Temperatures were generally warm, resulting in good growing conditions for the crops. Most of the region received rain; some areas more so than others. CD 1A averaged 9 mm; CD 1B, 21 mm; CD 2A, 11 mm; CD 2B, 22 mm; and CD 3ASE, 9 mm. Many areas received above 20 mm of rain, while a few areas received only trace amounts. The Windthorst area received 40 mm; the Odessa area received 38 mm. The Manor area received 3 mm; the Moosomin and Weyburn areas, 5 mm. The Indian Head area recorded the largest amount of rain received this year: 34 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved significantly from last week. Conditions are being reported as 67 per cent adequate, 28 per cent short and four per cent very short on cropland. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture conditions are 50 per cent adequate, 44 per cent short and six per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions in CD 2A are slightly worse than in the rest of the region. On cropland, conditions are 61 per cent adequate, 27 per cent short and 11 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions in this CD are 48 per cent adequate, 39 per cent short and 13 per cent very short.

Harvest has just begun. One per cent of the winter wheat has been swathed or is ready to straight-combine and three per cent is combined. Four per cent of the fall rye has been combined, while 43 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-combine. Two per cent of the region's lentils have been combined and one per cent of the field peas are swathed. CDs 1A and 2B are the most advanced in harvest operations.

Haying operations are wrapping up in most areas, and greenfeed and barley silage is being cut. Haying in the Broadview area is about 50 per cent complete. The moisture delayed haying for a little while.

Grasshoppers, pea aphids, gophers and dry conditions caused the majority of the crop damage. Barley thrips were reported in the Indian Head and Moosomin areas. Some lodging of crops occurred in areas that experienced heavy rains and strong winds. Gophers are also causing damage in isolated areas in the region. There are some crops in CD 1B that are under severe stress due to dry conditions.

Farmers are busy haying, hauling grain and getting ready for harvest. Rain and heat would be nice to help fill crops and allow continued growth in pastures. Many producers are reporting that it will be one to two weeks before combines are in full swing.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

The southwest was generally cool, with scattered rain showers. The thermometer began to rise towards the end of the week. Showers have helped fill crops. CD 3ASW averaged 13 mm; CD 3AN, 17 mm; CD 3BS, 5 mm; CD 3BN, 17 mm; CD 4A, 6 mm and CD 4B, 4 mm. The areas around Stewart Valley and Kyle received 36 and 37 mm, respectively.

The Beechy area received 39 mm. A few areas received only trace amounts, and some areas around Shaunavon received nothing. The rain helped to alleviate some fire hazards.

Harvest is underway, with four per cent of the winter wheat and two per cent of the fall rye combined. Eleven per cent of the winter wheat and 47 per cent of the fall rye is swathed or ready to straight-combine. Two per cent of the lentils and field peas have been combined, while 11 per cent of the lentils and 20 per cent of the peas are swathed or ready to straight-combine. Six per cent of the mustard has been swathed, and just under one per cent has been combined. CDs 3BN and 4A are the furthest advanced in harvest operations.

Topsoil moisture conditions have deteriorated from last week. Cropland topsoil moisture was reported as 63 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay land and pasture are rated as 44 per cent adequate, 40 per cent short and 16 per cent very short.

Haying operations are wrapping up, although there is still some hay to cut and bale.

The majority of crop damage this past week was attributed to grasshoppers, gophers and dry conditions. Grasshoppers continue to cause most of the damage. Some pea and lentil crops in CD 3ASW are quite short. Some rye crops in CD 3BS have been baled for feed. Durum and spring wheat should be swathed within one to two weeks. Grasshoppers are feeding on pea and lentil crops. Minimal hail damage was reported in the Beechy area. Pocket gophers are chewing off bale strings in the field.

Farmers are busy scouting fields, readying harvest equipment, swathing and desiccating crops, and hauling hay.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6A)

A welcome rain fell in most areas of the east-central region. Cool days made up the majority of last week's weather, but temperatures warmed up by Sunday and Monday. CD 6A had varied amounts of rain. CD 5A received an average of 26 mm; CD 5B, 28 mm and CD 6A, 16 mm. The Goodeve area received 44 mm; the Rama area, 47 mm; the Chamberlain/Bethune/Craven areas received between trace amounts and 4 mm of rain. Many areas received more than 20 to 30 mm.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions continue to improve. The region's crop reporters are indicating cropland topsoil moisture as 88 per cent adequate, nine per cent short and three per cent very short. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are 77 per cent adequate, 17 per cent short and five per cent very short.

Most of the 2009 hay crop is wrapped up, but there was still some hay lying in swaths when the rain fell on Friday.

Six per cent of the winter wheat and nine per cent of the fall rye has been swathed or is ready to straight-combine.

Crop damage was mostly attributed to grasshoppers and wind (lodging), most of which was reported from CD 6A.

Farmers are busy haying and getting ready for harvest. The rain was beneficial in that it helped fill the crops, but now heat is needed to push things along. Many canola fields are still in bloom. The crops are showing some great potential, but a long fall is needed to get them in the bin. Most cereals are in the early milk stage, while others are just starting to turn. Producers are expected to start cutting their pulse crops in about two weeks in parts of the region. Some will be desiccating this week and next.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

The west-central area had cool, damp weather at the beginning of the week, but temperatures were warmer by the weekend. All areas recorded moisture, but the amount was variable. CD 6B averaged 19 mm; CD 7A, 29 mm and CD 7B, 13 mm. The Hanley area received 41 mm; the Biggar and Herschel areas received 45 and 42 mm, respectively. Other areas around Biggar received 28 mm. The Kerrobert, Major and Sonningdale areas received 4 mm.

Haying operations are still ongoing as the recent rains and high humidity have slowed progress. Greenfeed cereals are being cut.

Average cropland moisture conditions have improved from last week, and are rated as 71 per cent adequate, 24 per cent short and four per cent very short. Hay land and pasture is sitting at 64 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and three per cent very short.

Four per cent of the winter wheat and nine per cent of the fall rye have been swathed or are ready to straight-combine.

Crop damage was caused mainly by dry conditions, grasshoppers and wind (lodging). Mildew is showing up in some pea crops.

Farmers are busy haying, scouting fields, preparing for harvest and hauling grain. Some pulse crops are being desiccated, while others are still quite green. Some cereals and oilseeds are still blooming. Some crops that received rain in the past few weeks have improved and show some potential. Some crops are quite short. Crops in CD 7B are reported to be in many different development stages, which will make harvest difficult.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

The northeast had generally good growing conditions during the past week, which helped advance the crops and continue the haying. Rain showers were spotty, with some areas

receiving no rain to as much as 31 mm. CD 8A averaged 2 mm; CD 8B, 8 mm and CD 9AE, trace amounts. The Humboldt area received 31 mm and the Lake Lenore area, 14 mm.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions have deteriorated from last week. Sixty-five per is reported as adequate and 34 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are 56 per cent adequate and 44 per cent short.

Harvest has just started in the region, with 27 per cent of the fall rye swathed.

Haying operations are between two-thirds to 90 per cent complete. Some hay was down when the rains came, and its quality has been reduced somewhat.

Dry conditions were the primary cause of the crop damage reported. The recent rains have improved crop condition, but harvest is still two to three weeks behind schedule. Heat is needed to fill crops and allow producers to get them off the field prior to the first frost. Most canola crops have finished blooming, and wheat crops are starting to turn.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

The past week was great weather for haying and advancing crop development. Very little rain was received in the region, with the exception of a few areas. CD 9AW averaged 2 mm of moisture, while CD 9B received 8 mm on average. The Neilburg and Turtleford areas received 30 and 19 mm, respectively. Other areas around Neilburg received 16 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions deteriorated from last week. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are reported as 64 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and four per cent very short. The hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are reported as 57 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and eight per cent very short.

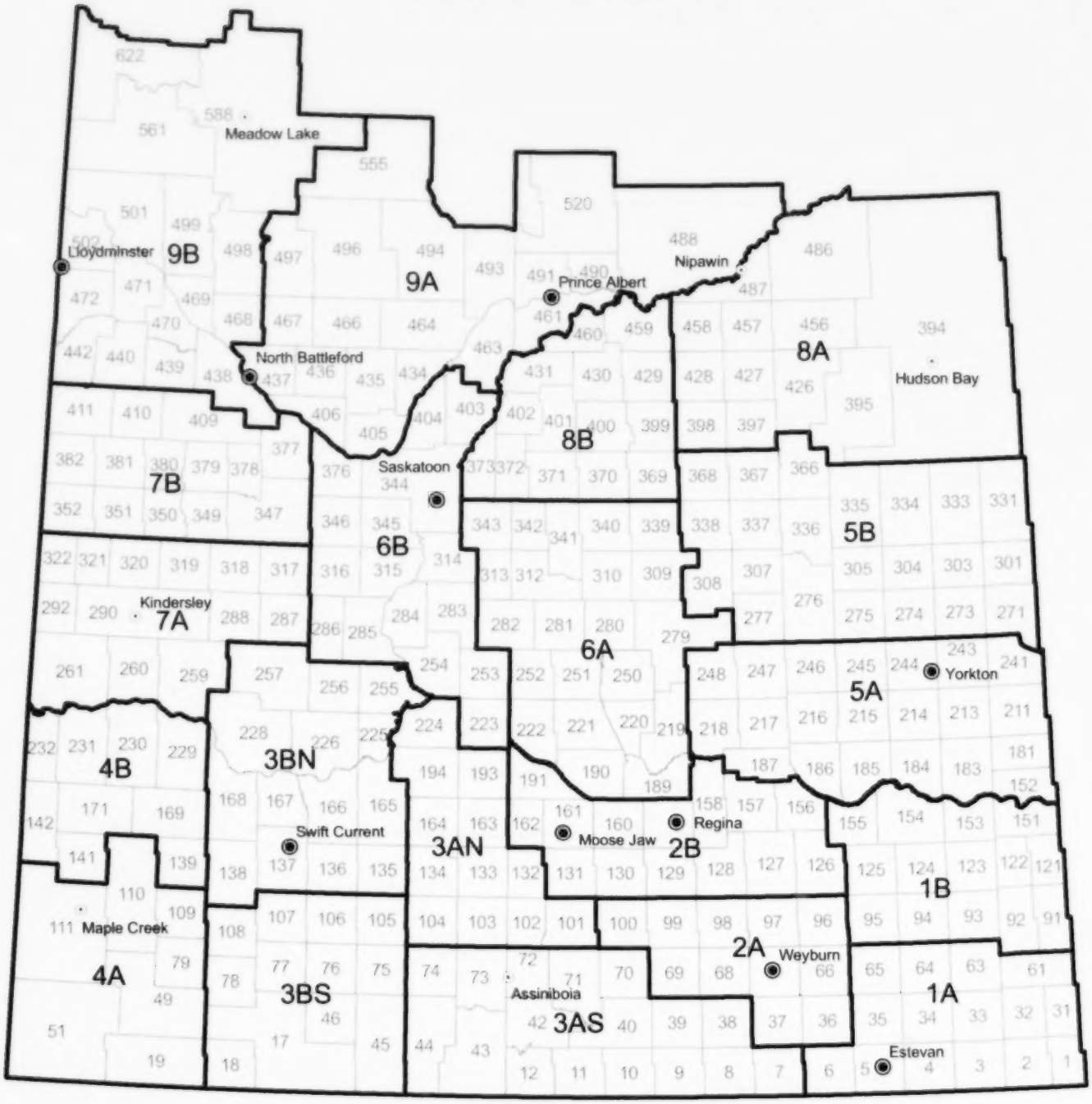
There were no reports of harvest activity.

Haying operations are continuing

Grasshoppers and dry conditions caused the majority of the crop damage.

There are patches in canola crops still flowering. Crops look fairly good, but the backward growing season is delaying maturity and the number of frost-free days are limited. Farmers are busy haying, controlling grasshoppers and scouting fields. They need warm weather to get quality crops off the field and into the bin.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the week ending August 10, 2009

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	187
	2	Mt Pleasant	N/A	173
	3	Enniskillen	11	181
	33 A	Moose Cr.	N/A	146
	33 B	Moose Cr.	11	164
	34	Browning	10	130
	61	Antler	N/A	158
	63	Moose Mountain	3	154
	64	Brock	11	124
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	123
1B	91	Maryfield	N/A	135
	92	Walpole	N/A	145
	93	Wawken	11	159
	94	Hazelwood	9	207
	95	Golden West	40	172
	121	Moosomin	5	190
	122	Martin	5	162
	123 A	Silverwood	18	209
	123 B	Silverwood	23	34
	124	Kingsley	23	185
	125	Chester	36	176
	151 B	Rocanville	31	185
	153	Willowdale	23	168
	154	Elcapo	22	172
	155	Wolseley	N/A	129
2A	36	Cymri	8	184
	66	Griffin	N/A	129
	67	Weyburn	TR	166
	68	Brokenshell	5	135
	69	Norton	10	206
	96	Fillmore	27	182
	97	Wellington	13	167
	99	Caledonia	15	206
2B	126	Montmartre	23	209
	127	Francis	38	220
	129	Bratt's Lake	32	47
	131	Baildon	12	136
	156 A	Indian Head	14	186
	156 B	Indian Head	34	193
	157	South Qu'appelle	34	205
	158	Edenwold	N/A	12
	160	Pense	9	119
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	89
	191 A	Marquis	22	150
3ASE	9	Surprise Val.	N/A	112
	38 A	Launer	N/A	162
	38 B	Launer	7	167
	39 A	The Gap	8	154
	39 B	The Gap	11	213
3ASW	10	Happy Val.	1	127
	12	Poplar Val.	3	155
	40	Bengough	N/A	148
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	189
	43 A	Old Post	8	180
	44	Waverley	14	198
	70	Key West	20	163
	71 A	Excel	23	209
	71 B	Excel	N/A	166
	71 C	Excel	N/A	105
	73 A	Stonehenge	19	216
	73 B	Stonehenge	N/A	198
	74	Wood River	13	117
3AN	101	Terrell	N/A	179
	102	Lake Johnston	N/A	158
	103	Sutton	6	175
	134	Shamrock	N/A	216
	164	Chaplin	27	221
	193 A	Eyebrow	N/A	119
	193 B	Eyebrow	N/A	19
	194	Enfield	N/A	158
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	N/A	240
	17 B	Val Marie	N/A	N/A
	45	Mankota	7	156
	75 A	Pinto Cr.	1	163
	75 B	Pinto Cr.	6	135
	76 A	Auvergne	4	151
	76 B	Auvergne	4	153
	77	Wise Cr.	N/A	221
	78 A	Grassy Cr.	N/A	213
	78 B	Grassy Cr.	NIL	152
	78 C	Grassy Cr.	N/A	173
	105	Glenbain	8	153
	106	Whiska Cr.	6	138
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	56
	108	Bone Cr.	5	169
3BN	138	Webb	10	182
	165	Morse	8	45
	166	Excelsior	6	151
	167	Sask. Landing	26	187
	168	Riverside	2	144
	225	Canaan	39	136
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	228 A	Lacadena	37	200
	228 B	Lacadena	1	152
	255	Colleau	N/A	205
4A	49 A	White Val.	N/A	172
	49 B	White Val.	N/A	143
	51	Reno	9	142
	79	Arlington	TR	121
	109	Carmichael	N/A	178
	110	Piapot	10	227
	111 A	Maple Cr.	N/A	186
4B	139	Gull Lk.	1	170
	141	Big Stick	N/A	167
	142	Enterprise	6	177
	169	Pittville	N/A	176
	231	Happyland	N/A	141
	232	Deer Forks	N/A	156
5A	183	Fertile Belt	23	169
	184 A	Grayson	N/A	148
	184 B	Grayson	23	141
	185	Mcleod	N/A	146
	186	Abernethy	21	155
	211	Churchbridge	25	224
	213	Saltcoats	22	163
	216 A	Tullymet	17	220
	216 B	Tullymet	N/A	133
	241	Calder	N/A	126
	243	Wallace	38	198
	245 A	Garry	44	212
	245 B	Garry	39	254
	246	Ituna Bon Acc	28	256
	247	Kellross	13	234
	248	Touchwood	14	186
5B	271	Cote	33	173
	273	Sliding Hills	N/A	25
	275	Insinger	34	228
	276	Foam Lk.	N/A	164
	277	Emerald	34	241
	304	Buchanan	N/A	N/A
	306	Ivermay	47	190
	307	Elfros	33	237
	308	Big Quill	25	200
	333	Clayton	N/A	106
	335	Hazel Dell	2	178
	336	Sasman	40	173
	337	Lakeview	18	185
	338	Lakeside	22	209
	366	Kelvington	23	230
	367 B	Ponass Lk.		
6A	190 A	Dufferin	TR	104
	190 B	Dufferin	3	142
	190 C	Dufferin	3	141
	190 D	Dufferin	N/A	42
	190 E	Dufferin	N/A	N/A
	219 A	Longlaketon	12	169
	219 B	Longlaketon	4	182
	220	McKillop	N/A	155
	221	Sarnia	14	223
	222	Craik	16	254
	251	Big Arm	16	288
	252	Arm River	9	259
	279 A	Mount Hope	N/A	186
	279 B	Mt Hope	26	203
	280	Wreford	N/A	140
	282	Mccraney	17	234
	309	Prairie Rose	25	239
	312	Morris	24	188
	313	Lost River	32	125
	339	Leroy	18	219
	340 A	Wolverine	38	242
	341	Viscount	N/A	113
	343	Blucher	18	131
6B	283	Rosedale	15	263
	284	Ruch	22	238
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	314	Dundurn	41	218
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	318 B	Mt. View	42	229
	320	Oakdale	32	177
	321	Prairiedale	40	143
7B	347 A	Biggar	14	223
	347 B	Biggar	28	242
	350 A	Manposa	16	78
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	378 A	Rosemount	10	148
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	380	Tramping Lk.	24	131
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	370	Humboldt	31	186
	371	Bayne	12	170
	372	Grant	2	142
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	400	Three Lks.	N/A	N/A
	402	Fish Cr.	1	130
	429 A	Flett's Spr.	4	66
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	431	St. Louis	1	185
	459	Kinistino	N/A	161
9AE	461	Prince Albert	TR	87
	488	Torch River	NIL	195
	520	Paddockwood	N/A	28
9AW	406	Mayfield	5	144
	435	Redberry	N/A	234
	436	Douglas	NIL	122
	463	Duck Lake	N/A	209
	464	Leask	2	190
	467	Round Hill	N/A	154
	493	Shellbrook	N/A	240
	494	Canwood	2	252
	496	Spiritwood	2	150
	497	Medstead	N/A	162
	555	Big River	N/A	15
9B	438	Battle River	N/A	193
	440	Hillsdale	30	143
	442	Manitou Lake	16	145
	498 A	Parkdale	1	168
	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	152
	499	Marvin	1	179
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	19	194
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	5	216
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	5	156
	502	Britannia	4	183
	561	Loon Lake	4	201
	588 A	Meadow Lake	N/A	233
	588 B	Meadow Lake	2	194
	588 C	Meadow Lake	3	196
	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	180
	622	Beaver River	NIL	122

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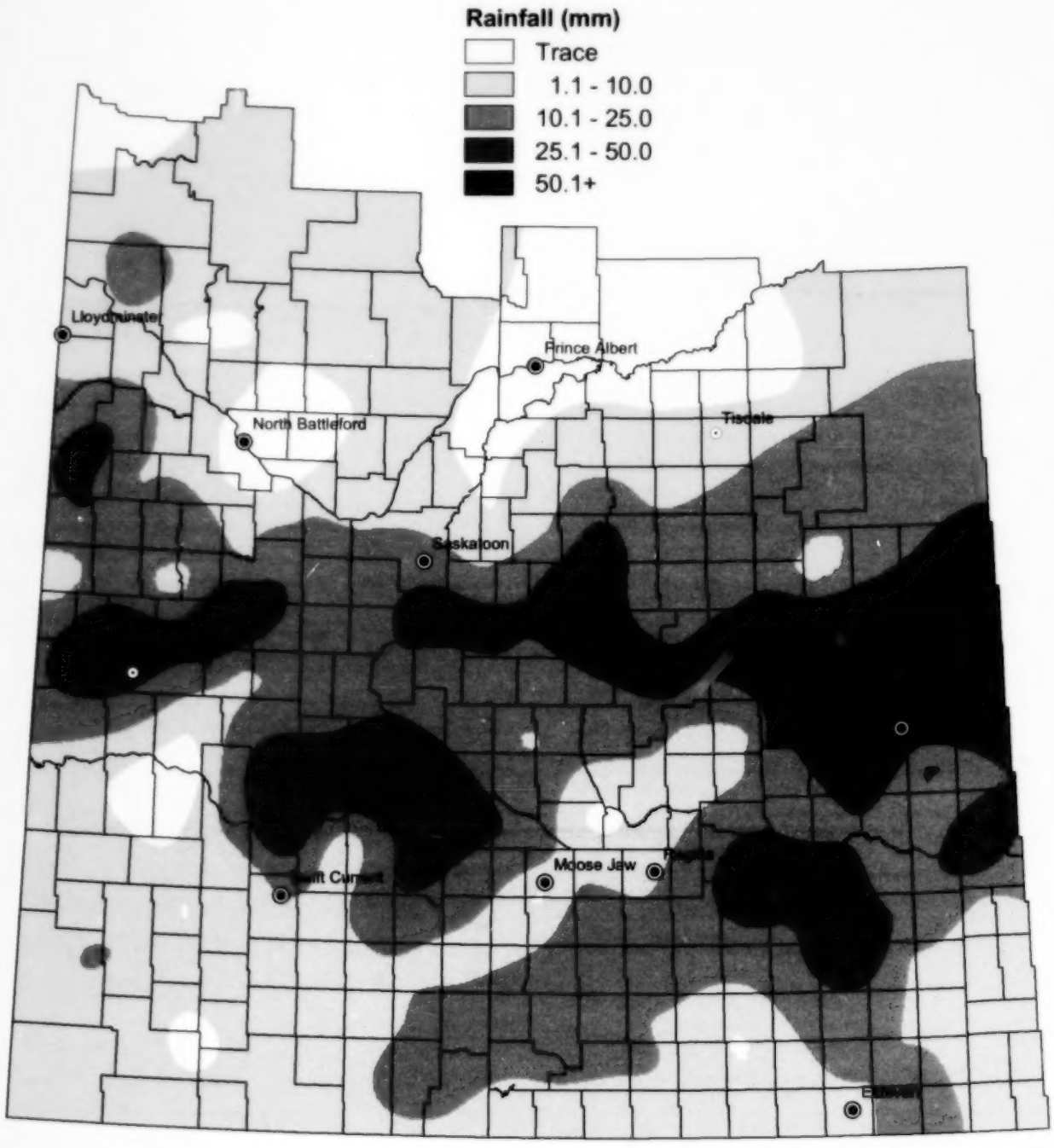
Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending August 10, 2009



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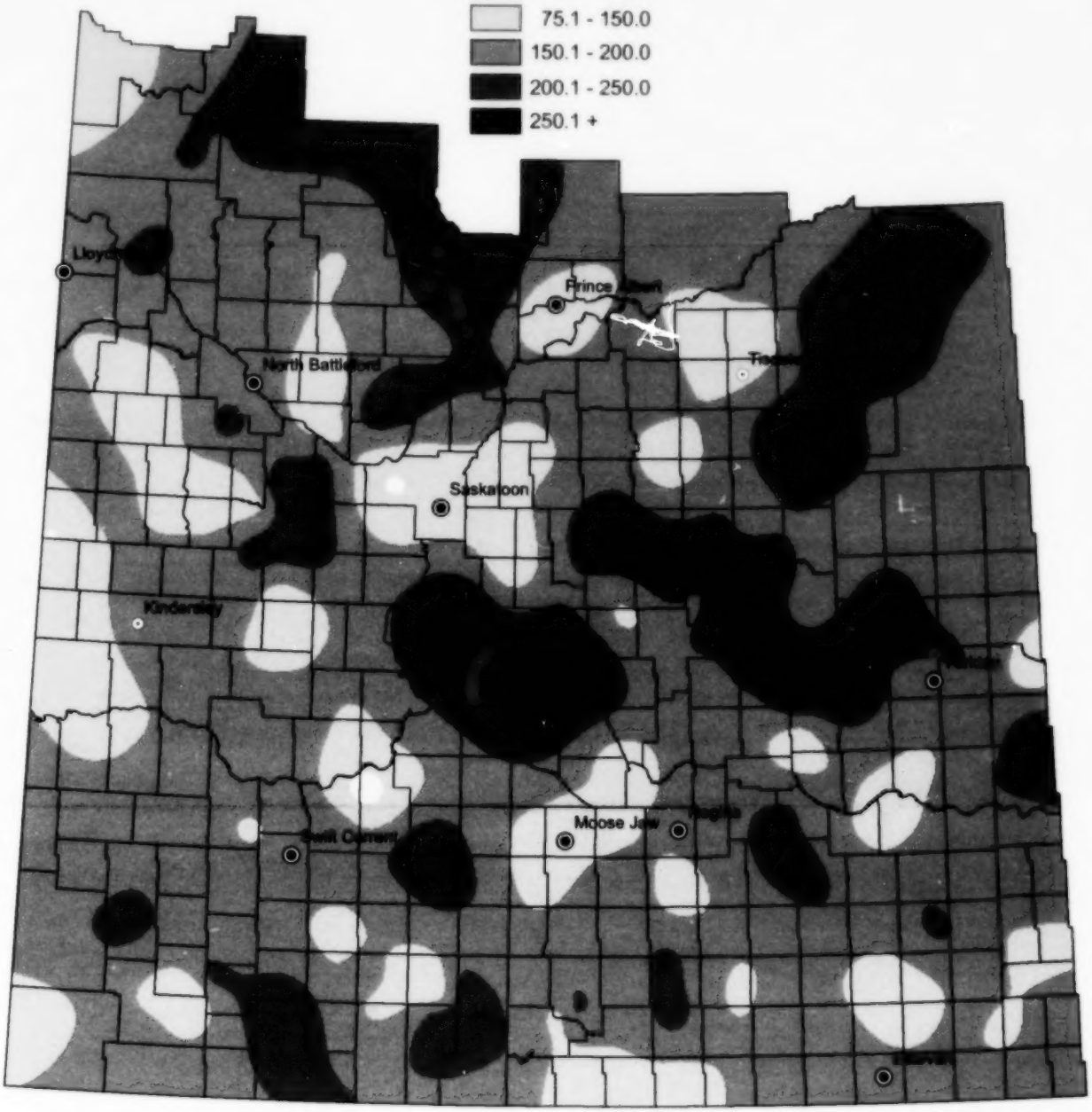

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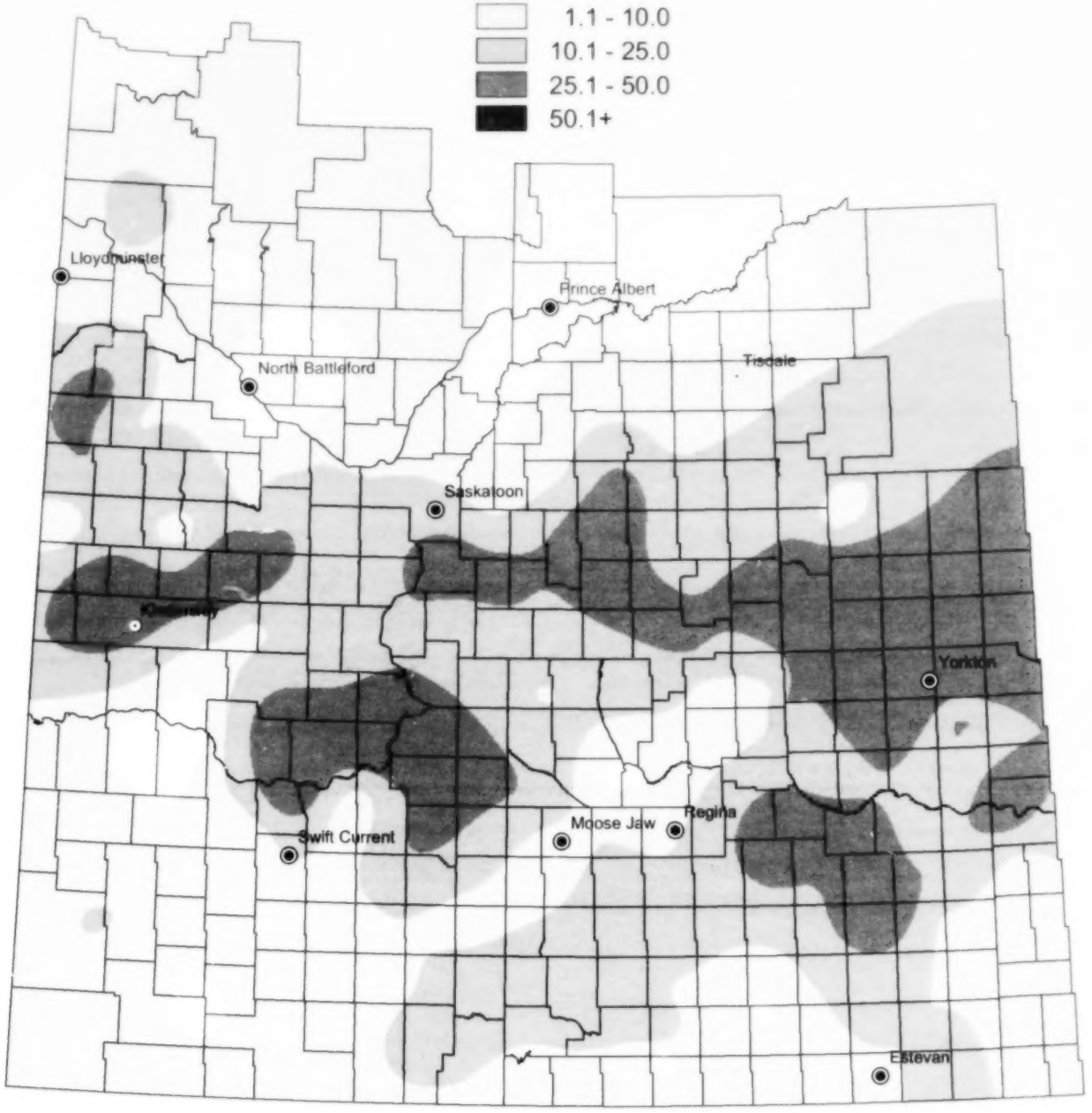

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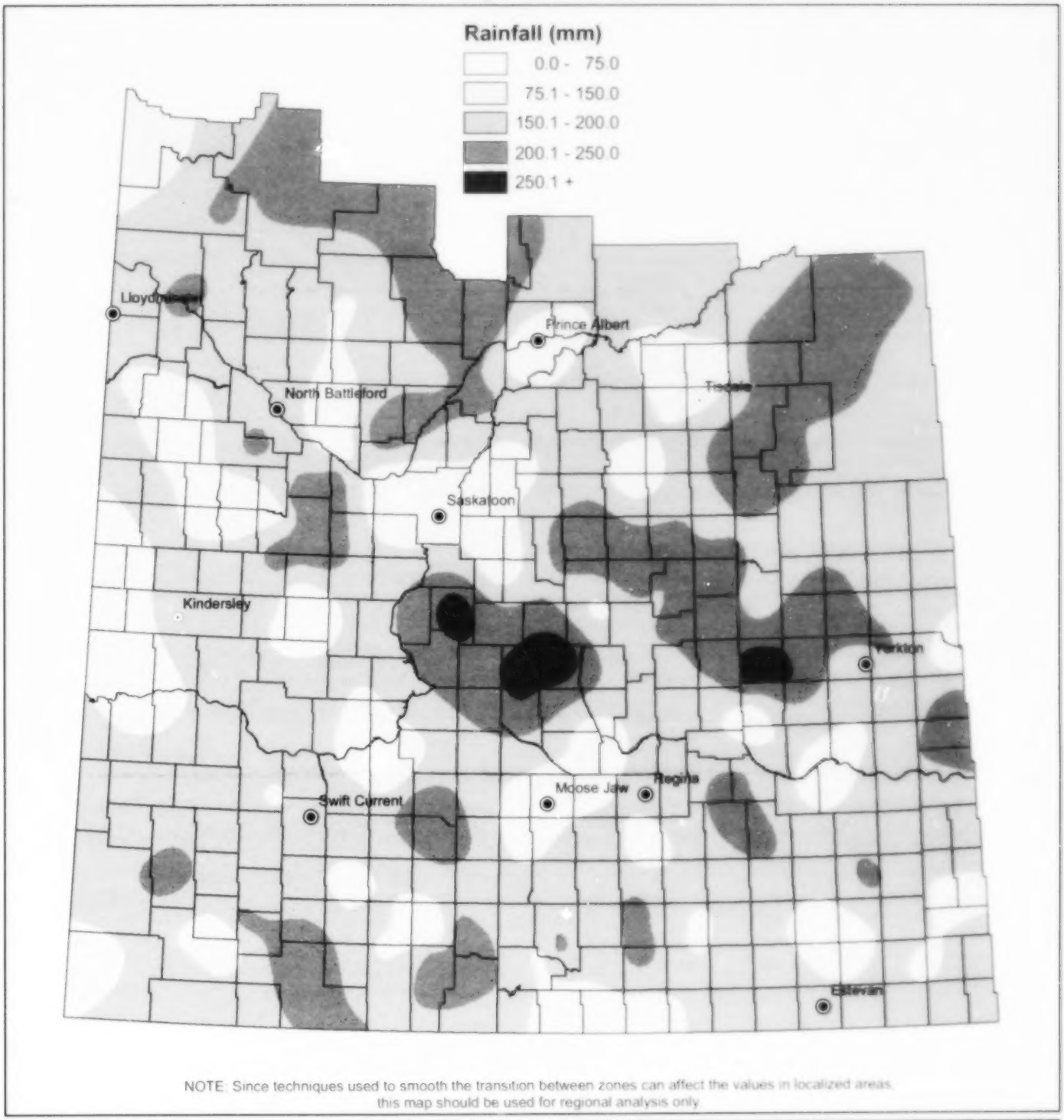

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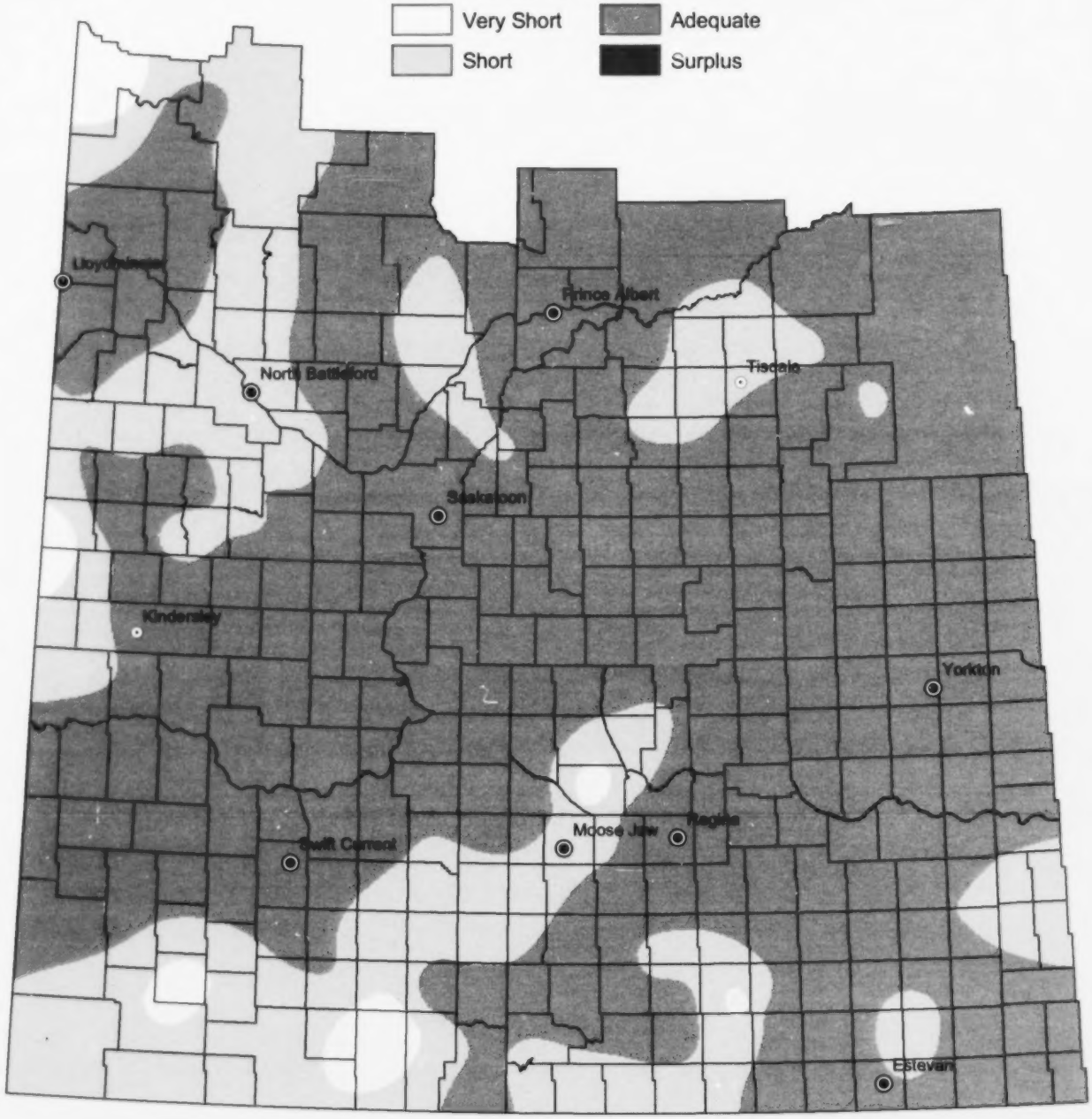

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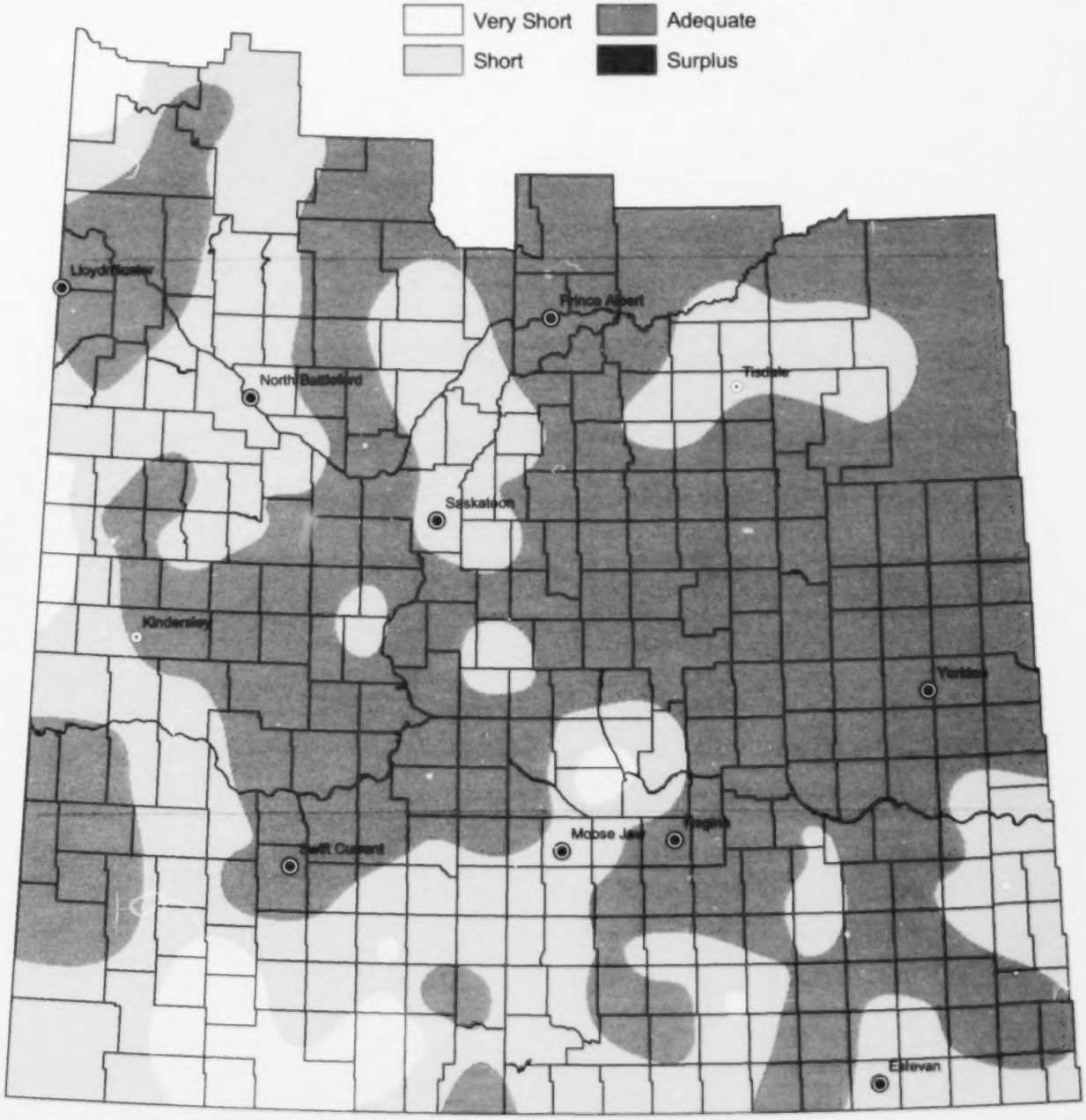

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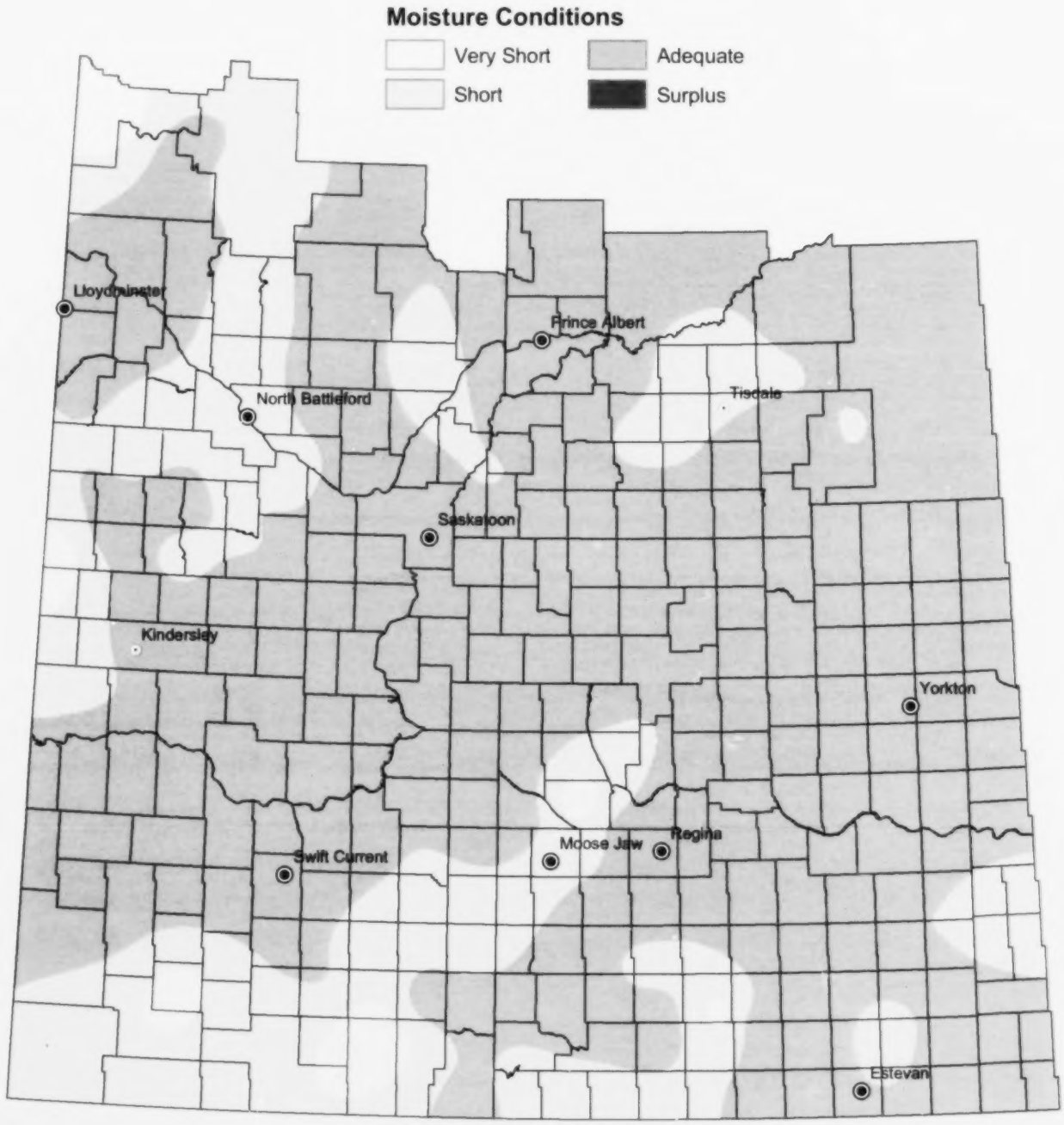

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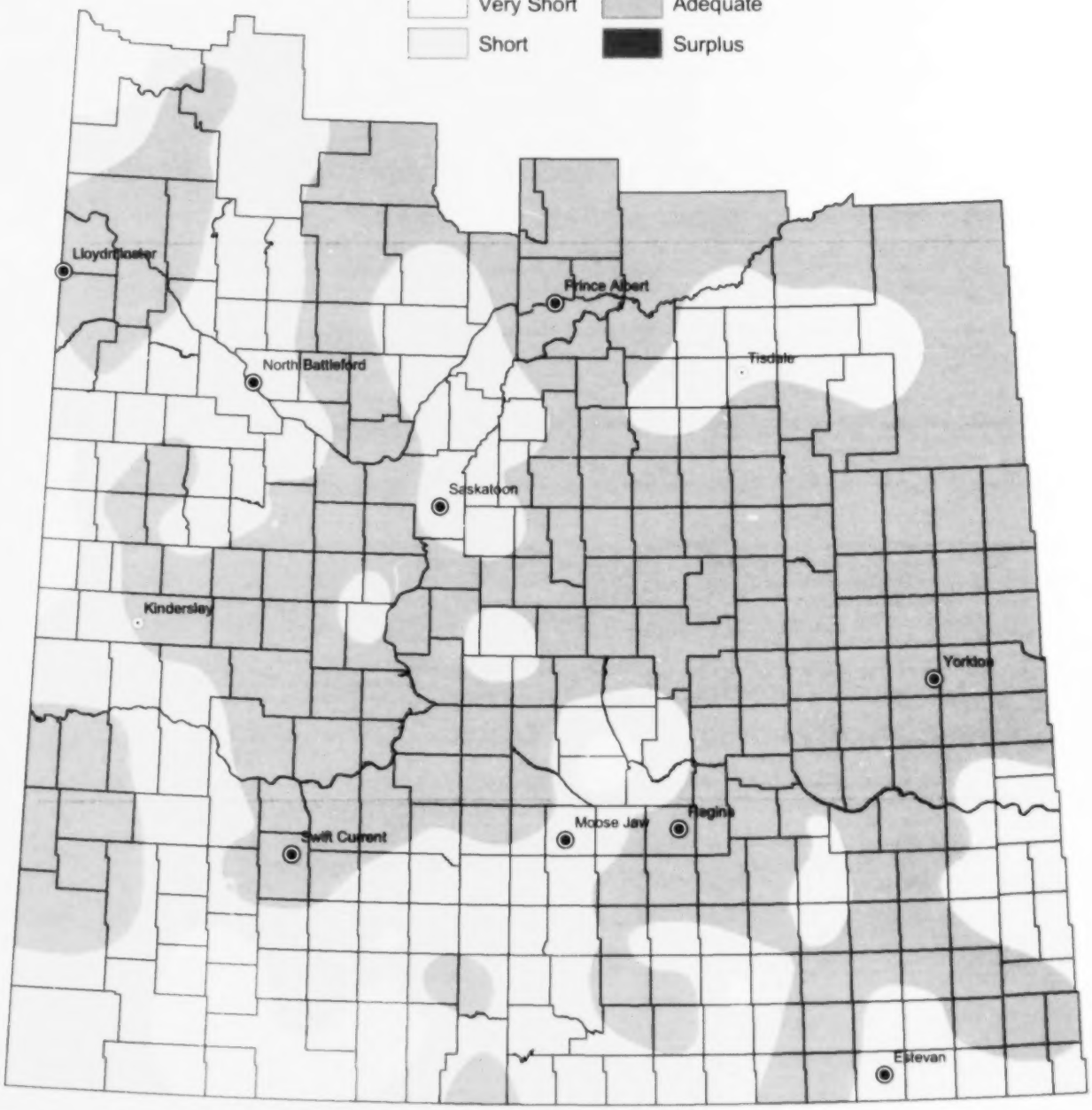

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